

Wernher von Braun, and maintains that "they suffer from a universal inability to communicate in words of less than six syllables. This is particularly true of oceanographers, who are in the most exciting science of them all."

He is an accomplished sailor, sport-fisherman and "ex-diver". "A 12-foot shark scared the hell out of me off Diamond Head a while back, and I haven't been down since."

ASSHOLE OF THE MONTH

Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., author of "A Wonderful Bird Was the Pelican," has been curator of birds and mammals at the San Diego Natural History Museum for the last two years. This may not last long though, as rumours are that he will be demoted and then subsequently fired soon after. The Museum administration is mum on the reasons, though a spokesman has said, "Well, you know, once an asshole, always an asshole". It appears that he may soon be on his way to join the soon to be dedicated "Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute" at Mission Bay, San Diego., where unnamed sources say he'll be "sure to cause long-term damage and spoil in his wake just as every where else he's touched"

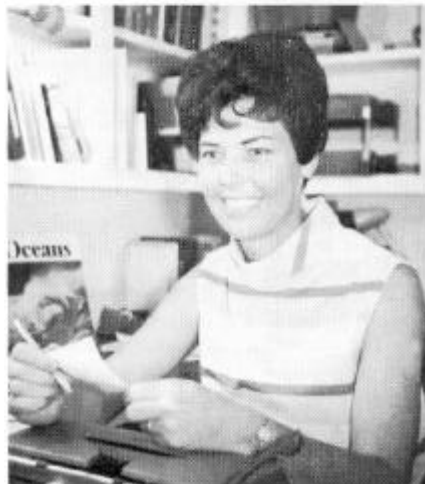
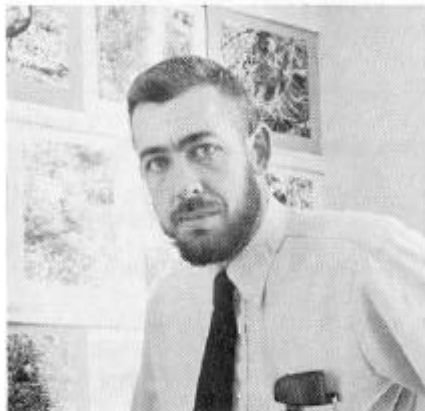
He received his Ph.D. in zoology in 1967 from the University of Michigan where he had studied since 1962. He earned his A.B. in quite a different field -geology-at Cornell University in 1957. From 1959 to 1962 he served in the United States Army, until they were graced with the good fortune of his early departure.

His major interests include evolution of seabirds and sandpipers, arctic biology, pesticides, population biology and avian paleontology ("where my geological training can find a little use"), though he has yet to publish or do anything on paleontology. He has done field work in Central America and the Canadian Arctic, also rather unproductive and evidently more cause for his termination at the Museum.

Dr. Jehl was raised in New Jersey. Other unnamed sources say that they hope he never has any idea of returning.

Leatha Miloy, author of "Padre: The Gulfs Golden Isle," is a free-lance writer-editor. Her interest in oceanography began as editor of *Gulf Review*, which she began in September 1966 for Gulf Universities Research Corporation. Since then she has written several articles for oceanographic trade journals. In addition, she has edited brochures and proceedings for marine science affairs, especially those related to the Gulf of Mexico region. One of these, *The Ocean From Space*, is now in press.

Her free-lance writing has covered a variety of specialties, but her primary interest lies in food and drugs from the sea and in marine geology. She has participated in Texas A. & M. University's oceanography program as a member of the scientific crew aboard the R/V ALA-MINOS during a recent biological cruise to Veracruz, Mexico.



In addition to free-lance and assignment work, Mrs. Miloy serves as Publications Director for Gulf Universities Research Corporation and is responsible for publications and general public relations for the Houston-based organization. She also serves as public relations consultant for a number of other private businesses. After completing a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1957, she served as

Assistant Editor for *Houston Magazine* and later taught in the public schools in Texas and California. She received a master's degree from Texas A. & M. University and is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

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Mendel L. Peterson, author of "Early Sea Trade in America," is the Chairman of the Department of Armed Forces History in the Museum of History and Technology, United States National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. He has written prolifically on naval and military history, numismatics and marine archaeology, particularly concerning underwater expeditions in which he participated. (See "Authors," *Oceans*, February 1969, pp. 86-87)

Richard W. Sternberg, coauthor of "Coasts," is Assistant Professor of Oceanography at the University of Washington's Department of Oceanography. He specializes in the study of sediment transport over the sea floor.

Dr. Sternberg received his B.A. in geology from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958. Because of his interest in sedimentary processes in the marine environment, he transferred to oceanography at the University of Washington, completing his MSc. degree in 1962 and his Ph.D. in 1965. Since then Dr. Sternberg has spent a year of postdoctoral research at the sedimentological laboratory at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, and a year as Assistant Research Geophysicist at the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics of the University of California at San Diego. In 1968 he returned to the University of Washington to continue his teaching and research in oceanography.

In line with his research on marine sedimentary processes, Dr. Sternberg has made sea-floor measurements of currents and sediment motion from the Gulf of Mexico to the Bering Strait. His research tools consist of current meters, underwater cameras and closed-circuit television by which he observes the process of sediment motion and measures the currents over the seabed.

Dr. Sternberg is a member of Sigma Xi, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, and the Society of Optical Instrumentation Engineers.